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In re Application of  
Thomas Heidemann et al  
Serial No.: 09/830,996  
Filed: May 3, 2001  
Attorney Docket No.: 49521

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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL  
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This is in response to applicants' petition filed June 28, 2002, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

**The following condition applies to the grant of this petition: If, upon examination, it is determined that a restriction requirement is necessary because of multiple inventions being claimed, applicant will be required to make an election without traverse of a single invention to be prosecuted. Failure to make an election without traverse will void the special status accorded in this decision.**

**Applicants have presented amendments to the claims in connection with the petition. This is improper. The examiner will, however, consider the claims presented as if entered, however they must be presented in a separate paper in response to the first Office action.**

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.**

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